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1. MISSION OFFICERS GAVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO IO CFR 73 AS CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO LONGO, EXTERNAL RELATIONS IN DG FOR ENERGY, ON DECEMBER 6. LONGO SAID THAT US SAFEGUARDS AS CONTAINED IN IO CFR 73 WERE CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY BY THE EURATOM SAFEGUARDS OFFICE IN LUXEMBOURG, MEMBERS OF WHICH, BY COINCIDENCE, WERE TO SEE LONGO IN BRUSSELS LATER IN THE DAY SO HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PASS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES PROMPTLY. LONGO DID NOT ANTICIPATE A REACTION FROM THE COMMISSION OR EURATOM; ANY REACTION WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO COME FROM THE MEMBER STATES.

2. ACCORDING TO LONGO, THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDS IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW IN THE COMMUNITY. THE COMMISSION SENT TO THE COUNCIL ABOUT A MONTH AGO PROPOSED COMMUNITY SAFEGUARD REGULATIONS DESIGNED TO MAKE COMMUNITY PRACTICE CONSISTENT WITH IAEA REQUIREMENTS. HE EXPECTS THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO BE EXAMINED BY THE GROUP FOR ATOMIC QUESTIONS IN JANUARY AND TO BE FORWARDED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) EARLY IN THE YEAR.

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3. ON PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS, LONGO SAID EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET HAD SENT A LETTER IN NOVEMBER TO THE NINE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, VIA THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES, PROPOSING A CONFERENCE OF THE NINE EARLY IN 1975 TO EXAMINE PHYSICAL SECURITY. THE PRELIMINARY REACTION FROM THE MEMBERS TO HOLDING SUCH A CONFERENCE HAS SO FAR BEEN POSITIVE.

4. ACCORDING TO LONGO THE WHOLE SAFEGUARDS QUESTION IS MOVING INTO A NEW PHASE, AWAY FROM PERIODIC INSPECTION FOR POSSIBLE LOSS TO PHYSICAL PROTECTION. THE COMMISSION AND EURATOM'S ROLE IN THE PRESENT DETECTION PERIOD IS VERY CLEAR. EURATOM ACTUALLY PERFORMS THE NECESSARY INSPECTIONS. THE COMMISSION AND EURATOM'S ROLE IN ANY FUTURE PROTECTION SCHEME IS LESS CLEAR. IT MAY BE THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD SIMPLY HELP COORDINATE NATIONAL POLICIES AND THAT EURATOM WOULD ONLY MONITOR PHYSICAL PROTECTION MEASURES WHICH WOULD BE ACTUALLY CARRIED OUT BY THE MEMBER STATES.
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